

**§ 302-5.9 Where may I/we occupy temporary quarters at Government expense?**

You and/or your immediate family may occupy temporary quarters at Government expense within reasonable proximity of your old and/or new official stations. Neither you nor your immediate family may be reimbursed for occupying temporary quarters at any other location, unless justified by special circumstances that are reasonably related to your transfer.

**§ 302-5.10 May my immediate family and I occupy temporary quarters at different locations?**

Yes. For example, if you must vacate your home at the old official station and report to the new official station and your family remains behind until the end of the school year, you may need to occupy temporary quarters at the new official station while your family occupies temporary quarters at the old official station.

**§ 302-5.11 What methods may my agency use to reimburse me for TQSE?**

Your agency will reimburse you for TQSE under the actual expense method unless it permits the “fixed amount” reimbursement method as an alternative. If your agency makes both methods available to you, you may select the one you prefer.

**§ 302-5.12 Must I document my TQSE to receive reimbursement?**

For fixed amount TQSE reimbursement, you do not document your TQSE. For actual TQSE reimbursement, you must document your TQSE by itemizing each expense and providing receipts as required by FTR § 301-11.3(c) of this subtitle.

**§ 302-5.13 How soon may I/we begin occupying temporary quarters at Government expense?**

As soon as your agency has authorized you to receive a TQSE allowance and you have signed a service agreement.

**§ 302-5.14 How is my TQSE allowance affected if my temporary quarters become my permanent residence quarters?**

If your temporary quarters become your permanent residence quarters, you may receive a TQSE allowance only if you show in a manner satisfactory to your agency that you initially intended to occupy the quarters temporarily.

**§ 302-5.15 May I receive an advance of funds for TQSE?**

Yes. If authorized in accordance with § 302-1.14(a) of this chapter, your agency may advance the amount of funds necessary to cover your estimated TQSE expenses for up to 30 days. Your agency subsequently may advance additional funds for periods up to 30 days.

**§ 302-5.16 May I receive a TQSE allowance if I am receiving another subsistence expenses allowance?**

No, with one exception. You may receive a cost-of-living allowance payable under 5 U.S.C. 5941 in addition to a TQSE allowance.

**§ 302-5.17 Am I eligible for a TQSE allowance if I transfer to a foreign area?**

No. You may not receive a TQSE allowance under this part when you transfer to an area outside the United States, its territories or possessions, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico or the Northern Mariana Islands, or the former Canal Zone area (i.e., areas and installations in the Republic of Panama made available to the United States pursuant to the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements (as described in 22 U.S.C. 3602(a))). However, you may qualify for a comparable allowance under the Standardized Regulations (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas) prescribed by the State Department.

**§ 302-5.18 May I be reimbursed for local transportation expenses incurred while I am occupying temporary quarters?**

Generally not. Local transportation expenses are not TQSE, and there is no